

Appl. No. : 10/626,181
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REMARKS

This is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed November 16, 2004. Applicant has hereby amended Claim 1. Thus, Claims 1-5 remain pending in this application.

The status of all claims and the text of all pending claims are shown above. The specific changes to the amended claim are shown by ~~strike through~~ for any deletions and underlining for any insertions.

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER/DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-5 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. The Examiner asserted that the claims were not patentably distinct from Claims 1, 2, 11 and 24-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,666,841 to Gharib et al.

While the assignee of the instant application does not acquiesce in the grounds of this rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is filed herewith in order to promptly resolve this rejection.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the double patenting rejection of Claims 1-5.

INDEFINITENESS REJECTION

The Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2. The Examiner stated that Claim 1 recites "the anterior chamber" at line 2 and that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this in the claim.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the indefiniteness rejection of Claim 1.

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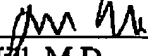
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved. Also, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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